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AND

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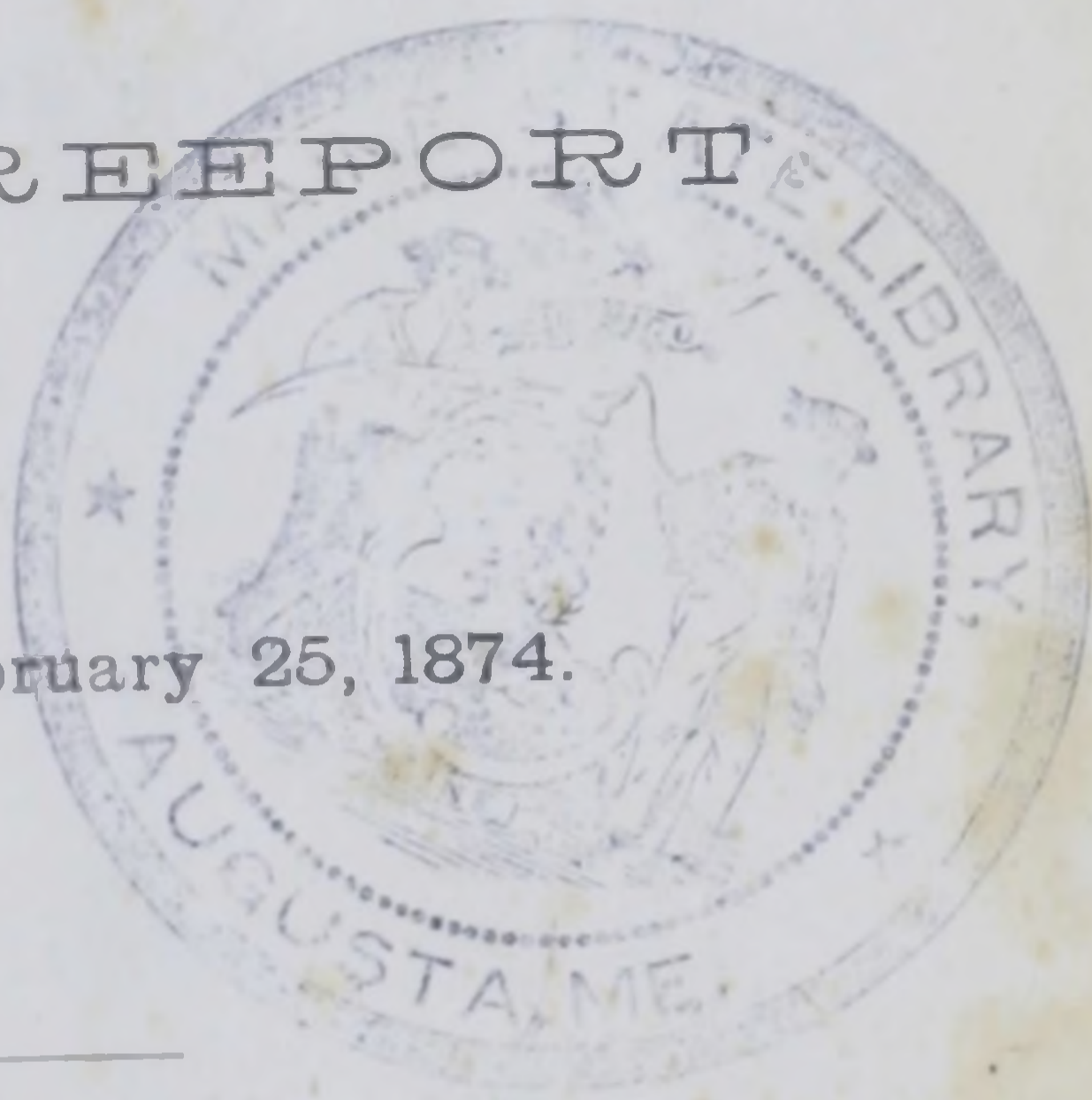
REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF FREEPORT

FROM

March 8, 1873, to February 25, 1874.



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At the annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1873, it was

*Voted*—That the Selectmen, Liquor Agent, and Supervisor of Schools Report be printed and distributed previous to the Annual meeting.

*Voted*—That the Selectmen have seven hundred copies of the report printed.

A true copy of the record.

Attest : J. C. KENDALL,

Town Clerk.



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## REPORT.

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Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, from  
March 8, 1873, to February 25, 1874.

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### RESOURCES & APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

For support of poor .....	\$1,000 00
roads and bridges .....	1,200 00
contingent expenses .....	1,000 00
high school .....	500 00
“ “ from State .....	283 59
additional tax .....	136 53
overlays on taxes .....	574 84
deficient road tax, 1872 .....	26 71
rent of hall .....	17 11
clapboards sold M. Stockbridge .....	13 60
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	\$4,752 00

### EXPENDITURES.

For poor out of poor house .....	\$241 51
“ farm .....	278 82
roads and bridges .....	2,071 12
contingent expenses .....	1,091 26
high school .....	676 99
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	\$4,359 70

Amount of appropriation and resources unexpended .....\$392 68



*Amount paid under each head of Expenditures.*

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The winter work was done under the direction of the Surveyor appointed May 1st, 1872, and includes, in some districts, the repairs of the road up to April 30th, 1873. In the districts not here reported, the labor of breaking the roads was paid for by the highway tax, and in the districts that are reported, the highway tax was thus appropriated as far as it would go. The amount set against the No. of the district was paid to different individuals, by the approval of the Surveyors.

Amount paid for winter work in thirty-three road districts :

No. 4 .....	\$13 10	" 27 .....	3 00
" 5 .....	12 25	" 29 .....	24 40
" 7 .....	2 86	" 31 .....	26 23
" 8 .....	5 62	" 32 .....	63
" 9 .....	17 49	" 33 .....	24 68
" 11 .....	27 65	" 34 .....	7 05
" 13 .....	17 02	" 36 .....	24 32
" 14 .....	4 80	" 38 .....	11 50
" 15 .....	25 53	" 39 .....	3 96
" 16 .....	5 72	" 40 .....	1 70
" 18 .....	24 12	" 42 .....	5 80
" 20 .....	2 55	" 43 .....	8 80
" 21 .....	26 28	" 44 .....	4 68
" 22 .....	26 46	" 45 .....	11 49
" 23 .....	20 51	" 46 .....	12 00
" 24 .....	15 91	" 47 .....	7 13
" 26 .....	48 61		————\$473 84

The Highway tax of 1873 was committed to Surveyors appointed May 1st, 1873. The amount set against the No. of the districts was paid for labor in said districts, to Surveyors or to different persons, by the approval of the Surveyors.

Amount paid in twenty-one different road districts for summer work :

No. 1 .....	\$3 97	No. 24 .....	\$33 00
" 3 .....	12 00	" 27 .....	11 50
" 4 .....	4 42	" 29 .....	35 55
" 5 .....	17 00	" 33 .....	20 77
" 13 .....	8 20	" 34 .....	36 24
" 14 .....	8 49	" 35 .....	30 00
" 15 .....	13 80	" 36 .....	57 25
" 17 .....	26 95	" 38 .....	8 04
" 18 .....	38 19	" 42 .....	10 00
" 20 .....	12 86	" 45 .....	24 52
" 21 .....	4 95	" 46 .....	23 00
" 22 .....	34 35		————\$475 05



Paid Thomas S. Merrill damages on D. B. Soule's road .....	\$6 25
Lunt & Morse, plank for bridges .....	55 22
Ryan & Kelsey, rope for derrick ....	17 55
Colby, Chaney & Smith, railing for do. ....	9 88
Samuel Andrews, blacksmith .....	14 14
town farm team work on different road districts .....	191 35
Todd's bridge .....	824 94

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\$2,071 12

Amount appropriated .....	\$1,200 00	
Deficit road tax 1872 .....	26 71	\$1,226 71

Excess of appropriation .....	\$844 41
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Excess of appropriation .....	844 41
Amount paid for snow bills, 1872 .....	473 84

Excess of appropriation for repair of highways and bridges for 1873, .....	\$370 57
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Making total cost of roads and bridges for 1873 .....	\$1,597 28
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#### Expense taking up and rebuilding Todd's bridge

Paid Colby Welch for labor ....	\$98 00
John Todd .....	24 00
Charles Brown .....	6 00
John Fogg ....	50 00
Ezekiel Merrill .....	102 00
Geo. A. Porter .....	67 00
John A. Porter .....	63 00
Corydon Walker .....	59 50
E. A. Winslow .....	41 00
Ira Mitchell .....	10 00
R. M. Brown town team .....	192 50
Joshua Soule .....	11 00
David Todd, land drainage .....	10 25
Silas Coffin " " .....	8 00
S. J. Staples & Co., flooring .....	42 50
E. Lambert, timber .....	17 00
Parmenus Mitchell, stone .....	10 00
John Smith .....	2 00
Sam'l Fitts .....	2 29
H. Tuttle, blacksmith .....	8 90

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\$824 94

#### POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Paid support of F. E. Adams, Maine Insane Hospital . ....	\$127 07
aid to strangers .....	2 25
Wood for John Tinney .....	14 25
S. O. Jordan support of Wm. Jordan ....	12 00
J. M. Davis " " Susan Hawes .....	19 01
Rufus Cushing " " Dorcas Fogg .....	26 00



O. W. Norton, medical attendance on Jane Brewer . . . . .	2 75
" " " " " " B. Litchfield . . . . .	3 75
W. G. Frost medical attendance on Mary Rodick, 1872 . . . . .	29 00
G. F. Creech & Co., supplies to Nancy Fogg . . . . .	5 43
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	\$241 51

## POOR FARM.

Mr. Brown has the past year bought the most of the supplies for the Farm at wholesale, which has reduced the cost of them. The Farm has supported itself and paid \$21.18 towards Mr. Brown's salary. We submit statement of Mr. Brown's account :

Paid R. M. Brown, overseer . . . . .	\$300 00
Supplies for farm . . . . .	678 09
O. H. Briggs . . . . .	3 05
H. B. Tuttle, blacksmith . . . . .	13 15
lumber for farm . . . . .	4 00
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	\$998.29

By work town team & crew on town house . . . . .	\$138 00
work town team and crew on Todd's bridge . . . . .	192 50
work town team and crew on roads . . . . .	158 00
cash of E. C. Soule . . . . .	50 00
produce sold from farm . . . . .	180 97
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	719 47
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	278 82
Poor off of poor farm . . . . .	241 51
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	\$520 33

Amount appropriated . . . . .	\$1000 00
Amount unexpended . . . . .	<hr/>
	\$479 67

Names of persons at Poor House, February 25th, 1874:

Edmund Merrill, aged 84	Caroline Armstrong, aged 36.
Sally Griffin, aged 74.	Kate Reed, aged 32.
Elmira Lufkin, aged 61.	Barney Litchfield, aged 53.
Lydia Day, aged 83.	Isaac Day, aged 25.
Sam'l Furbish, aged 61.	Agustus Gould, aged 25.
Total . . . . .	10



## STOCK AT POOR FARM.

1 yoke oxen, 7 feet 2 in. ....	\$200 00
4 cows, at \$40, .....	160 00
1 yearling .....	10 00
1 horse .....	140 00
2 swine .....	16 00
20 fowl .....	10 00
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	\$ 536 00

Estimated amount of produce on hand:

6 tons hay .....	\$75 00
75 bushels potatoes .....	45 00
2 bushels beans .....	6 00
300 pounds pork .....	30 00
50 pounds lard .....	6 00
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	\$162 00

There is wood enough cut for family use for one year, and fifty cords standing on lot bought two years since.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The town voted the sum of .....	\$500 00
The State pays .....	283 52
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	783 59
Paid W. A. Deering .....	\$187 50
W. H. Creech .....	5 00
Nellie Koopman, .....	40 00
Coal bill and hauling, .....	43 92
Fred K. Smith, ....	327 67
S. A. Hyde, .....	72 00
Schools, .....	88
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	\$676 00
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	\$106 60

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by the town, .....	\$2,000 00
Amount of school fund, .....	470 26
Amount of mill tax, .....	700 69
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	\$3,170 95
Paid the several school districts, .....	\$2,280 27
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Amount due several school districts, .....	\$890 68



## CONTINGENCIES.

Paid W. E. Jordan, abatement, 1872.....	\$64 23
Amos Fields, abatement, 1873,.....	74 79
M. Stockbridge, service as selectman and overseer of poor,	147 00
John Burr, " " " "	128 06
George Aldrich, " " " "	80 00
N. O. True, supervisor,.....	158 85
J. C. Kendall, town clerk,.....	17 10
Amos Fields, collector,.....	124 63
" " constable,.....	22 00
" " enrolling militia,.....	4 00
S. A. Holbrook, treasurer,.....	72 52
Davis & Manter, blank books, &c.....	14 60
Insuring town house,.....	31 00
Monmouth Insurance Company, assessment,.....	23 35
Insurance, high school building,.....	52 20
Johnson Williams, taking care town house,.....	12 00
" " repairs on hearse, &c.....	4 40
E. C. Townsend, surveying roads,.....	5 00
Printing town report,.....	45 00
J. H. Drummon, professional service.....	10 00
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	\$1,091 29
By appropriation,.....	\$1,000 00
overlays on taxes,.....	574 84
rent of hall,.....	17 11
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	\$1,591 59
Amount unexpended,.....	<hr/>
	\$500 69

## TOWN HOUSE.

The town of Freeport, at a legal meeting held May 14, 1873,

VOTED, To accept the following proposition of S. A. Holbrook:—I will deed the town two adjoining lots of land near the town house, measuring about 12 x 10 1-2 rods each; lay out a street four rods wide on the north-easterly and easterly side of said lots, continuing it to the landing road, provided the high school building be built on one of said lots; the town house enlarged and moved on to the other; a suitable fence built between my land and said new street, and the present town house lot deeded to me—S. A. HOLBROOK.

VOTED, That the Selectmen, on the part of the town, be authorized and directed to carry into effect the provisions of the agreement, or fulfil its liabilities assumed by the vote accepting the proposition made by S. A. Holbrook in regard to the high school building and town house lots.

A true copy. Attest:

J. C. KENDALL,  
Town Clerk.



Agreeable to the vote of the town we have moved, enlarged and repaired the town house, and herewith submit the cost of same :

Paid Anderson & Koopman, moving	-	-	-	-	-	\$120 00
Rufus Deering & Co., lumber	-	-	-	-	-	153 17
Charles Fields, joiner work	-	-	-	-	-	475 00
M. C. R. R., freight	-	-	-	-	-	25 58
Wm. M. Curtis, painting	-	-	-	-	-	70 85
Colby, Chaney & Smith, sash, doors and blinds	-	-	-	-	-	96 50
Joseph Anderson, lumber and hauling	-	-	-	-	-	21 00
Treat, Lang & Co., gutter stuff	-	-	-	-	-	7 28
George F. Creech & Co., paints, oil, nails and glass	-	-	-	-	-	202 45
Demond & Sons, conductors and lead	-	-	-	-	-	29 03
Seth Rogers, repair of settees and making drawers	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Edward Plummer, lumber	-	-	-	-	-	418 00
Wm. H. Bailey, " "	-	-	-	-	-	13 01
Charles Pritham, hauling blocking	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
George Aldrich, " "	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Isaac Griffin, painting	-	-	-	-	-	42 50
William Gore, locks, nails and fastenings	-	-	-	-	-	103 11
E. Merrill	-	-	-	-	-	46 50
Colby Welch	-	-	-	-	-	36 00
John Grant	-	-	-	-	-	17 50
Florris Gould	-	-	-	-	-	22 00
R. M. Brown, town team	-	-	-	-	-	138 00
George Anderson	-	-	-	-	-	38 75
Fr-ight on brick	-	-	-	-	-	43 22
George Mitchell, fencing lot	-	-	-	-	-	11 48
Posts for lot	-	-	-	-	-	18 92
G. H. Harriman, brick	-	-	-	-	-	108 00
H. B. Soule, " "	-	-	-	-	-	95 00
B. Morse & Co., lime and cement	-	-	-	-	-	36 20
Foster & Dutton, " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	22 78
Chas. Dennison, blacksmith	-	-	-	-	-	16 75
A. Webster, mason	-	-	-	-	-	75 45
Simeon Pratt, " "	-	-	-	-	-	109 50
David S. Ward, " "	-	-	-	-	-	66 75
George Webster, tending masons	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Willard Cushing	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
Eben Davis	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Corydon Walker	-	-	-	-	-	53 00
Henry Curtis	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
George A. Porter	-	-	-	-	-	51 50
John A. Porter and team	-	-	-	-	-	70 00
Parmenus Mitchell	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
Silas A. Coffin and team	-	-	-	-	-	8 00
John C. Kendall, sand	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Simeon Pratt, stone	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Samuel Davis	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
M. Stockbridge's team	-	-	-	-	-	31 90
Wm. M. Noyes	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
John M. Noyes	-	-	-	-	-	5 50



Charles Field, changing blinds, making tables, outside doors and shutters	- - - - -	60 25
Samuel Andrews	- - - - -	10 00
Interest on notes	- - - - -	252 00
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John Furbish, 4 stoves for town house	- - - - -	50 00
Demond & Sons fitting stoves	- - - - -	11 80
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		\$3,509 52
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Hired of Amos Field, due June 1874	- - - - -	\$400 00
S. A. Holbrook, due July 5, 1874	- - - - -	1,000 00
do. " Sept. 29th, 1874	- - - - -	1,000 00
do. " Nov. 1, 1874	- - - - -	1,200 00
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		\$3,600 00

We hired the above amount on one year, interest paid in advance, at 7 per cent., agreeable to the following vote at a legal meeting held May 14th, 1873:

VOTED, To authorize the Selectmen to hire a sum of money sufficient to carry into effect the last three votes.

A true copy. Attest:

J. C. KENDALL,  
Town Clerk.

### LIQUOR AGENCY.

The agency was in the hands of Mr. D. R. Hawkes from March 8, 1873, to November 27, 1873, when it was transferred to Mr. Oliver H. Briggs, Mr. Hawkes being unable to keep it longer.

Amount of liquor on hand March 8th, 1873	- - - - -	\$114 60
Cash in hands of D. R. Hawkes, Liquor Agent	- - - - -	54 60
Profits of agency from March 8th to Nov. 27th, 1873	- - - - -	66 03
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		\$235 23
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Amount of liquors on hand Nov. 27, 1873	- - - - -	\$82 34
Commission to State agent, 7 per cent.	- - - - -	5 76
Cash of D. R. Hawkes on acct.	- - - - -	20 00
Services of D. R. Hawkes	- - - - -	30 00
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		\$138 10
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Due town from D. R. Hawkes	- - - - -	\$97 13
Amount of liquors on hand Nov. 27, 1873, and turned over to O. H. Briggs	- - - - -	88 10
paid for liquors	- - - - -	167 78
Due State agent	- - - - -	85 09
paid freights	- - - - -	2 85
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		\$343 82



By amount of liquor on hand Feb. 25	-	-	\$124 70	
"    "    sales to Feb. 25	-	-	215 50	
casks on hand	-	-	6 40	\$346 60
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Balance in favor of agency	-	-		\$2 78
By amount of liquors on hand Feb. 25, 1874	-	-	\$124 79	
balance in favor of agency	-	-	2 78	
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*To amount of liquors on hand Nov. 27, 1873	-	-	\$127 48	
"    "    "    and turned over to				
O. H. Briggs	-	-		88 10
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Profits of agency in liquor	-	-		\$39 38

We have settled with the Collectors for 1872 and 1873, and find their accounts as follows :

Due State from W. E. Jordan, 1872....	\$503 68
"    Amos Fields, 1873.....	366 21
County    "    "    "    .....	631 59
Town    "    "    "    .....	501 95
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### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1873.

For poor.....	\$1,000 00
schools.....	2,000 00
roads and bridges.....	1,200 00
contingencies.....	1,000 00
high school.....	500 00
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Total appropriations for town expenses.....	\$5,700 00
County tax.....	1,231 59
State tax.....	4,566 21
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	\$11,497 80
Fractional overlay.....	574 84
Delinquent road taxes, 1872.....	26 71
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Amount committed.....	\$12,099 35
Rate for State, County and Town tax.....	1.16 per 100
Whole number of polls, 512	
Poll tax ..	\$3 00
Valuation of town.....	\$906,369

### PRESENT LIABILITIES.

Due the several School Districts.....	\$890 68
High School.....	106 60
Outstanding orders.....	325 43
Outstanding notes.....	3,600 00
County Commissioners, laying out Cates' road.....	84 04
Land damage, Mrs. Chase, awarded by Co. Commissioners..	132 00
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	\$5,138 75



## RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes.....	501 95
Non-resident taxes, 1872.....	74 51
“ “ 1873.....	264 69
State School Fund, 1872.....	267 79
“ “ 1873.....	470 26
D. R. Hawkes, as Liquor Agent.....	97 13
Liquors and cash in hands of Agent.....	127 48
Rent of town house cellar, due Dec. 1, 1874.....	35 00
“ masonic hall.....	5 00
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	\$1,843 81
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Indebtedness of town, Feb. 25, 1874 .....	\$3,304 94

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm .....	\$2,500 00
Town House and lot.....	5,000 00
High School Building and lot.....	10,000 00
Stock on Poor Farm.....	536 00
Standing wood.....	50 00
Derrick.....	125 00
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	\$18,211 00

The following appropriations for the current year are recommended :—

For support of poor.....	\$1000 00
Schools.....	2,000 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,000 00
Contingencies .....	1,000 00
Outstanding notes.....	3,000 00
High school.....	500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MICAH STOCKBRIDGE, } Selectmen  
JOHN BURR, } of  
GEORGE ALDRICH, } Freeport.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

OF THE

### TOWN OF FREEPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB., 1874.

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*The Report of the Public Schools of the Town of Freeport for the year ending February, 1874, is respectfully submitted.*

The education of the children and youth of our town is a subject of deep interest, and one which should engage the attention of all. We live in an age of progress. The watchword is "ever onward," and our children, as they go out into the world to fight the battles of life, if they would hold successful competition with those around them, must improve upon what has been attained by those in whose places they will soon stand.

It is hoped that the cause of education has been promoted in this town by the establishing of the High School, which, while it affords a means of pursuing the higher branches of study, also has a tendency to elevate the standard of our common schools.

It is very gratifying to be able to report favorably of the progress and improvement of our schools during the past year. Our agents have been very fortunate in securing good teachers — those who have labored earnestly for the improvement of the scholars committed to their charge — and we cheerfully bear testimony to their efficiency, faithfulness and industry.



With perhaps one exception, the schools have passed off pleasantly, and in no case has the Supervisor been called upon to quell disturbance. Evidently teachers, parents and scholars, have, as a general thing, labored for the same object; those cases where it may have been otherwise are exceptions; and this is as it should be, for a good teacher alone, without the co-operation of parents and scholars, cannot make a good school.

It is the teacher's duty to govern and teach the scholars to obey and study, and parents by expressing sympathy for a teacher, if it be only by kind enquiries and good wishes, can lighten the burden resting upon his shoulders.

And, although so much has been accomplished during the past year, let us not be contented to stop here. Let us remember that there are improvements yet to be made, and evils to be overcome; and may our motto be, "*Ever Onward and Upward.*"

Dis. No. 1. A part of a district, under the supervision of the Yarmouth Committee.

Dis. No. 2. Colby Welch, agent. SUMMER TERM, six weeks. Whole number of scholars attending school, 27; average number, 15. Miss Annie L. Sargent, teacher. Miss Sargent labored earnestly for the improvement of her school. She maintained good order, and at the closing examination those present had made good improvement.

WINTER TERM, six weeks. Whole number, 17; average, 14. Miss Hattie Wilson, teacher. One visit. A second term, 6 weeks. Whole number, 15; average, 12. Miss Jennie L. Griffin, teacher. It is not to be expected with the change of teachers and the vacation thereby caused, that the pupils would make the same progress in their studies as if both terms had been united in one, under the care and instruction of one teacher; nevertheless, the school was under good discipline, and a fair degree of improvement was made.

Dis. No. 3. Alexander Taylor, agent. SUMMER TERM, 8 weeks. Whole number, 15; average, 14; Miss Florence I. Gurney, teacher. This was Miss Gurney's first school, and she succeeded well. Interest was manifested by both teacher and scholars. A profitable and pleasant term.

WINTER TERM, nine weeks. Whole number, 17; average, 16. Micah Stockbridge, teacher. Mr. Stockbridge is one whose reputation as a teacher has been too long established to need any word of commendation. He taught in this district the previous winter, and therefore was prepared to do a good work. The school was very quiet, and the scholars by their correct deportment and good recitations, at the closing examination, did themselves and their teacher much credit.



Dis. No. 4. James Tuttle, agent. SUMMER TERM, nine weeks. Whole number, 33; average, 30. Miss Julia Crilley, teacher.

FALL TERM, nine weeks. Whole number, 31; average, 27. Miss Crilly taught both summer and fall terms. Her management of the school was good, and she proved herself a laborious, painstaking teacher. The small classes in arithmetic received particular attention, and the other studies were not neglected.

WINTER TERM, twelve weeks. Whole number, 37; average, 31. Miss Florence I. Gurney, teacher. During this term the teacher evidently labored hard, and a fair degree of improvement was made, though the school was not as quiet as desirable.

Dis. No. 5. J. E. Davis, agent. SUMMER TERM, eleven weeks. Whole number, 33; average, 22. Miss Julia Talbot, teacher. Miss Talbot had had no experience in teaching, and it is gratifying to be able to say that she met with good success. The advancement made by the scholars in their studies, and their general deportment attested that both teacher and scholars had been interested in their work, and that good government had not been neglected.

WINTER TERM, twelve weeks. Whole number, 48; average, 46. Thomas Kneeland, teacher. It has been a pleasure to visit this school and observe the almost perfect order maintained without severe discipline or apparent effort on the part of the teacher. Mr. Kneeland succeeded in gaining the respect and affection of his scholars, thus surmounting one great obstacle, as their efforts were thereby united, and all worked for one great object, the improvement of the school. The closing examination warrants us in asserting that the efforts made for the advancement of this school have been repaid by the high standard attained by the scholars in their studies.

Dis. No. 6. John S. Litchfield, agent. SUMMER TERM, eight weeks. Whole number, 16; average, 11. Miss Jennie E. Metcalf, teacher. A good school.

WINTER TERM, twelve weeks. Whole number, 15; average, 12. Miss Metcalf also taught this term. At the second visit, which was made about three weeks before the close, the scholars were making good progress, and the general appearance of the school was satisfactory. Discipline good. Miss Metcalf has had considerable experience as a teacher.

Dis. No. 7. Pomroy C. Soule, agent. SUMMER TERM, 8 weeks. Whole number, 18; average, 14. Miss Nellie A. True, teacher. At both visits the school appeared well. The scholars were quiet and studious. Good improvement made.

WINTER TERM, 6 weeks. Whole number, 7; average, 5. Miss Annie L. Sargent, teacher. As the larger scholars in this district attended the high school, the school was much smaller than usual. At the visit made at the commencement of the term, six scholars were present. It is a difficult task



for a teacher to interest so small a number of young scholars, but Miss Sargent was faithfully endeavoring to do so. As notice was not received of the close of the school, a second visit was not made.

Dis. No. 8. William L. Blake, agent. SUMMER TERM, 8 weeks. Whole number, 18; average, 14. Miss Georgia A. Brewer, teacher. Miss Brewer is a young teacher, this being her first school. She seemed desirous of performing her duty faithfully, and of instilling good principles into the minds of her pupils. Satisfactory improvement made in the several branches taught. Discipline good.

WINTER TERM, 13 weeks. Whole number, 24; average, 18. Miss Clara A. Dillingham, teacher. Miss Dillingham is an earnest, hard-working teacher. Her method of instruction is good. Fair improvement made.

Dis. No. 9. J. J. Plummer, agent. There have been three terms of school in this district.

SUMMER TERM, 10 weeks. Whole number, 14; average, 9. Miss Adriana D. Plummer, teacher. Entering upon her duties in this school with no experience, Miss Plummer succeeded well. The scholars in this district evidently understand how to study, and wish to excell. School quiet; recitations prompt—those in geography almost perfect.

FALL TERM, 8 weeks. Whole number, 14; average, 12. Miss Delia F. Newell, teacher. Miss Newell was ambitious—as all teachers should be—to make her school a good one. She entered upon her duties with energy and a determination to succeed, and the result was such as would naturally follow such efforts.

WINTER TERM, 10 weeks. Whole number, 16; average, 11. Miss Emma C. Ward, teacher. Ill health compelled Miss Ward to close her school sooner than was anticipated, consequently no second visit was made. The appearance of the school at the commencement of the term, was very satisfactory.

Dis. No. 10. Ephraim Field, agent. SUMMER TERM, 11 weeks. Whole number, 23; average, 18. Miss Nellie M. Jones, teacher. This school was well conducted by Miss Jones, who greatly maintained good order, and under her instruction, the scholars made commendable advancement.

WINTER TERM, 12 weeks. Whole number, 29; average, 21. Miss Florence Hamler, teacher. Miss Hamler is a good disciplinarian, thoroughly interested in her work, seeking every method best suited to interest and instruct her scholars, and she has met with much success. The order and neatness in the school room are also worthy of notice.

Dis. No. 11. James Small, agent. SUMMER TERM, 8 weeks. Whole number, 15; average, 12. Miss Louisa Lyde, teacher. This was Miss Lyde's first school, and it is a pleasure to be able to say, that with more experience, she bids fair to become one of our best teachers. Her method of



instruction is good, and she possesses a ready tact for interesting her scholars. Order and improvement good.

WINTER TERM. 7 weeks. Whole number, 30; average, 29. L. A. Burr, teacher. Notice not being given of the close of this school, no second visit was made. Judging from the interest manifested by the teacher, the attention given by the scholars, and the good discipline the school was under when visited, we should pronounce this a profitable term.

Dis. No. 12. Daniel Curtis, agent. SUMMER TERM, 10 weeks. Whole number, 24; average, 20. Miss Lizzie A. True, teacher. This was a very pleasant school, the scholars aiding the efforts of the teacher, and, by their studies, winning for themselves a good name.

WINTER TERM. 11 weeks. Whole number, 30; average, 24. E. C. Townsend, teacher. It is not needed to speak of Mr. Townsend as a teacher, as he is already well known in that capacity, having for a number of years ranked as one of our best teachers. The advancement made by the scholars, and their good deportment, showed that, in this school, Mr. Townsend met with his usual good success.

Dis. No. 13. No school has been kept in this district, during the past year. One scholar from this district has attended school in No. 16.

Dis. No. 14. N. O. True, agent. SUMMER TERM, 8 weeks. Whole number, 7; average, 6. Miss Anna L. Perry, teacher. Pleasant and gentle in manner, Miss Perry won the esteem of both parents and scholars, and taught this school in a manner satisfactory to all interested.

WINTER TERM. 12 weeks. Whole number, 10; average, 9. Charles A. Perry, teacher. A small school, well conducted. Mr. Perry is of gentlemanly deportment, thoroughly respecting himself, and thus securing the respect of his scholars. The teacher was seconded in his efforts, by the scholars, and it was evident, at the second visit, that there had been some hard study during the term. Good improvement was made in all the studies, especially marked in reading. Order excellent.

Dis. No. 15. George L. Mitchell, agent. SUMMER TERM, 12 weeks. Whole number, 36; average, 32. Miss Hattie A. Wilson, teacher. Miss Wilson, who has been known for the past few years as one of our best teachers, taught this school with the same success which has marked her previous efforts. Good improvement made.

WINTER TERM. 12 weeks. Whole number, 36; average, 32. Charles S. Taylor, teacher. Mr. Taylor understood how to teach and made good efforts for the advancement of the school. Under his instruction, the scholars made a fair degree of improvement in their studies, and manifested a good degree of interest.

Dis. No. 16. Enoch Brewer, agent. SUMMER TERM, 10 weeks. Whole number, 13; average, 10. Miss Olive J. Durgin, teacher. Miss Durgin is a young teacher, this being her second school. Being desirous to excel, she



entered upon her work with commendable zeal, and the closing examination showed good improvement.

WINTER TERM, 8 weeks. Whole number, 14; average, 13. M. E. Burnham, teacher. Mr. Burnham taught in this district with excellent success, and it is but paying him a just and well deserved compliment to speak of the school in words of commendation. His manner of conducting the exercises was most admirable. Discipline mild but, at the same time, very effective, the school appearing perfectly under his control. Reading secured particular attention, and the good improvement made in arithmetic, grammar, and geography showed that the teacher had had the hearty co-operation of his scholars. It was gratifying to meet some of the parents in this school at the closing examination. If parents could see the effect of occasional visits to the school room, both upon the teacher and scholars, they would attach more importance to these visits, and would oftener be found there.

Dis. No. 17. Edward Melcher, agent. SUMMER TERM, 10 weeks. Whole number, 29; average, 20. Halie L. Soule, teacher. At the commencement the school appeared well, and a profitable term was anticipated. As no notice was given of the close of the school, a second visit was not made.

WINTER TERM, 11 weeks. Whole number, 23; average, 19. Miss Charlotte Lyde taught the three first weeks of this term. Some of the scholars did not choose to render that respect and obedience due to a teacher, and she resigned her position. She was succeeded by W. E. Hatch. Mr. Hatch evidently understood what was required, and, although commencing under unfavorable circumstances, he maintained good order throughout the term. He worked hard and accomplished all that could reasonably be expected.

Dis. No. 18. Robert Merryman, agent. No SUMMER TERM.

WINTER TERM, 12 weeks. Whole number, 6; average, 5. Miss Salome Rogers, teacher. The second visit to this school was made about four weeks before its close. At that time Miss Rogers was having a very pleasant school. During the eight weeks that the scholars had been under her instruction they had made good improvement, and were interested in their work. Order good.

### FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL.

At the last session of the Legislature of the State, an act was passed extending aid to those towns in which a free high school was maintained, to the extent of one-half the amount actually expended for instruction, not exceeding five hundred dollars to any one town. This town at its annual meeting in March, 1873, voted to take such action as should secure the largest benefit from this law. At the same time it was voted to appropriate



three thousand dollars in bonds of the State of Maine belonging to the town, for the purpose of erecting a suitable building for the school, on condition that individuals should contribute a sum not less in amount.

At a subsequent town meeting, it was voted to accept the proposal of Hon. S. A. Holbrook, of a free gift to the town of a suitable location for this building.

The amount subscribed by individuals having exceeded the required condition, a contract was made with Messrs. Foster and Dunton, well-known contractors, to erect a building according to the plan furnished by the architect, Mr. Fasset, of Portland. The building was completed according to the terms of the contract, and by the time specified. It is a substantial structure of wood, of two stories, furnishing two rooms on each floor, beside halls and stairways. The school rooms are thirty-eight by forty-four feet. The recitation rooms are thirteen by thirty-six feet. All the rooms are fifteen feet in height, and are well lighted and ventilated, and perfectly warmed throughout by a furnace in the cellar. The lower rooms, which are sufficient for present purposes, have been furnished with the modern school desks and chairs, and provided with all the conveniences necessary for the health and comfort of the scholars.

The structure is an ornament to the town, and a credit to that liberal spirit which prompted public action and the generous contributions of individuals. Still further subscriptions are needed to carry out the contemplated improvement, of obtaining possession of all the land between the original lot and the landing road, and in time of reducing it to a uniform grade. The use of the land bordering on the railroad has been given, and this further addition will secure the possession of over three and one-half acres of land for public purposes.

It is very desirable that this should be done. The cemetery, so near the school building, could then be removed. Sufficient space would be afforded to the scholars for out-door exercise, and an opportunity be given for any other improvements which might be needed. The sum of \$9653.78 has been paid out. The sum of \$8672.50 has been received from all sources, and certain subscriptions and assurances of subscription, still remain unpaid, and some bills are still outstanding. It has been estimated that the expense of the building and these proposed improvements will not fall much short of \$12,000.00, and anything which shall be received beyond the amount expended is very much needed, and will be appropriated for a bell, apparatus, and reference books. The whole matter will be closed when the next annual report is issued, which will contain more in detail an account of expenditures and receipts, giving a list of contributors and the amount each contributed.

#### TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS.

The first term of the high school was taught by Mr. Wm. A. Deering, a member of Bowdoin College, assisted by Miss Nellie Koopman. The school



was held in the upper room of the school building in District No. 15. The large number with which the school opened, representing a large portion of the town, indicated the need of this institution and the interest felt in the advantages it afforded.

In order to reach as large a number as possible without impairing the efficiency of the schools, the standard of admission was below that usually required in schools of this grade. The basis adopted for examination was that recommended by the State Superintendent.

A very good beginning was made this term, though the teachers labored under many disadvantages, for the want of sufficient accommodation and the difficulty of classifying so large a number of unequal attainments. They were earnest and diligent in their efforts to promote the efficiency of the school. A good degree of interest was manifested by the scholars, and a new impulse received in their course of study. The term began May 19th, and continued ten weeks.

At the close of the term, Mr. Deering returned to his studies, and Mr. Frederick K. Smyth, a graduate of Bowdoin College, was engaged. Miss Koopman declining to serve another term, Miss Susan A. Hyde was engaged as assistant. Additional accommodations were obtained in the use of the lower room of the school building, which was not needed this term by the district.

From the beginning of the school, the necessity of a regular course of study embracing several years, was clearly evident. It was thought to be the wisest course to arrange the studies as even as possible with reference to this result. Mr. Smyth, a teacher of experience, and one who intends to make teaching his profession, having been secured, a plan was adopted and entered upon this term. The act extending aid to the towns had specified what the basis should be, as follows :

“The course of study in the free high schools contemplated by this act, shall embrace the ordinary academic studies, especially the natural sciences in their application to mechanics, manufactures and agriculture.”

In arranging the studies, it has been the design to carry out this provision. The course is not yet completed, but any changes or additions will be in this direction.

The school was taught the second term upon this plan. Its advantages were clearly manifested. The scholars felt a greater responsibility resting upon them, and a deeper interest as they saw the relation of their studies to the whole course.

The third term of the school was opened in the new building and still continues. The advantages which this affords has given a new interest to both teachers and scholars; and we think the prospects of the school under its present instructors very flattering for the future. Its progress has been steady. The aim has been to give thorough instruction and to make sub-



stantial improvement, rather than imperfect attainments. There is now an opportunity for every scholar in town to obtain here as good an academic education as can be acquired in the State.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

It is very evident in order to receive the highest advantages of the free high school system, that the course of instruction in the district schools should be arranged with reference to this higher grade. Without materially changing their character, except in promoting their usefulness, and rendering them more efficient, they could be made to co-operate with the high school in furnishing a uniform and progressive course of study. This has been done during the present winter in several of the district schools to the great advantage of all concerned, so that some who have lived at a distance have been able to keep on with their classes.

It is also important that there should be a class qualified to enter the high school at the beginning of every school year in September, so that they may be prepared to make the best progress after admission.

These results might be secured by making the time of commencing the district schools uniform throughout the town, and by arranging the studies of those classes intending to enter the high school, with special reference to the annual examination.

### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

I herewith submit a brief report of the High School. The general statistics of the school are as follows:

STATISTICS.	FALL TERM.			WINTER TERM.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Whole number of pupils enrolled	48	46	94	39	23	62
Number of pupils from District 4	0	3	3	0	0	0
“ “ “ 5	7	0	7	1	0	1
“ “ “ 7	8	4	12	5	2	7
“ “ “ 8	1	3	4	1	2	3
“ “ “ 10	2	3	5	5	4	9
“ “ “ 11	1	1	2	0	0	0
“ “ “ 12	4	5	9	4	0	4
“ “ “ 14	3	1	4	0	0	0
“ “ “ 15	15	15	30	16	13	29
“ “ “ 16	1	1	2	0	0	0
“ “ “ 17	6	10	16	7	2	9
Average attendance	80			Not made out.		



It is designed that the High School Course shall embrace a period of four years; that the school shall be in session thirty-nine weeks during each year, and that the school year shall be divided into three terms — Fall, Winter, and Summer; the Fall term to begin on the first week in September, and continue till the Monday before Thanksgiving day; the Winter term to begin ten weeks from the Monday before Thanksgiving day, and close on the first Saturday in April; and the Summer term to begin on the second Monday after that date, and complete the remaining weeks of the school year.

The Course of Study which has been proposed for adoption is as follows:

The school will be divided into four classes, the lowest to be called the fourth class; the others, the third, second, and first, respectively.

No scholar will be admitted into any class unless he can bear an examination upon the studies of that class, or be retained after admission, unless his rank during each term shall be equal to, or exceed, the minimum of rank decided upon by the School Committee.

The three upper classes will have three studies, daily, except on Saturdays. The fourth class, three, besides reading and spelling.

The fourth class will have, daily, one recitation in Mathematics, one in English Grammar, and one in U. S. History, or some branch of Natural Science, besides daily drill in reading, spelling, and writing.

The third class will have, daily, one recitation in Mathematics, one in Natural Science, and one in Latin.

The second class will have, daily, one recitation in Mathematics, one in Natural Science, and one in Latin.

The first class will have, daily, one recitation in Mental Philosophy, or in the † Constitution of the United States, one in Natural Science, or English Literature, and one in French.

The following is a summary of the studies of the Course, given in the order in which they are to be studied:

#### MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic, Book-Keeping, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Surveying.

#### NATURAL SCIENCES.

Natural History, Physiology, Natural Philosophy, † Physical Geography, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Astronomy.

#### ENGLISH STUDIES.

English Grammar, Reading, Spelling, Writing, English Composition, U. S. History, † English History, English Literature, Mental Philosophy, † Constitution of the United States.

#### LANGUAGES.

Latin Grammar, Latin Reader, Cæsar, Virgil, Cicero, French Grammar, French Reader.

#### GENERAL EXERCISES.

Declamations and drill in Elocution every Saturday throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb. 13, 1874.

F. K. SMYTH, Principal.

† Bi-weekly.



The following is a list of the names of all those who are, or have been, members of the school during the present school year :

Nellie F. Adams,  
Annie W. Briggs,  
Hattie E. Brown,  
Ada F. Brown,  
Anna R. Belcher,  
Nellie K. Blake,  
Hattie E. Bailey,  
Julia F. Chandler,  
Edith M. Creech,  
Winnie K. Curtis,  
Nellie R. Curtis,  
Abbie R. Curtis,  
Lula E. Dills,  
Bertha M. Dillingham,  
Mary D. Dillingham,  
Alice M. Gould,  
Eliza F. Hawkes,  
Julia A. Holbrook,  
Eva Libby,  
Katie L. Lambert,  
Carrie Melcher,  
Evelyn K. Melcher,  
Anna L. Maxwell,  
Ella F. Maxwell,

James L. Anderson,  
Frank E. Andrews,  
William N. Anderson,  
J. Walter Britton,  
Charles H. Belcher,  
Alvena M. Brewer,  
William H. Creech,  
Edwin A. Curtis,  
William W. Curtis,  
Willis L. Curtis,  
Everett A. Chase,  
Daniel B. Dennison,  
Herman F. Field,  
George P. Field,  
George A. Fogg,  
Charles H. Farr,  
Arthur B. Griffin,  
Fred H. Grant,  
Edward C. Hyde,  
Herbert B. Jones,  
Harry L. Koopman,  
Daniel H. Kilby,  
William J. Kilby,  
Archie Kilby,  
Henry M. Kilby,  
John B. Kelsey,  
Walter H. Lyde,

Tenie L. Means,  
Lizzie D. Mitchell,  
Hattie H. Mitchell,  
Flora B. Norton,  
Lulie E. Porter,  
Emily C. Pratt,  
Alice E. Pratt,  
Ella F. Rogers,  
Evie W. Rogers,  
Addie B. Randall,  
Emma R. Randall,  
Hattie W. Rodick,  
Emma C. Sargent,  
Alice C. Sargent,  
Emma C. Soule,  
Haidie H. Soule,  
Phila T. Soule,  
Nettie M. Townsend,  
Evie C. Townsend,  
Lizzie A. True,  
Mary S. Talbot,  
Minnie C. Wilson,  
Josie E. Williams,  
Flora M. Winslow.

Fred S. Leighton,  
Albert S. Litchfield,  
Arthur W. Mitchell,  
Frank A. Osgood,  
Sumner Osgood,  
Earnest E. Pinkham,  
Fred B. Porter,  
George B. Pettengill,  
Alfred H. Pettengill,  
Horatio D. Rogers,  
Lewis A. Rogers,  
William M. Rose,  
William E. Sargent,  
Stanwood S. Soule,  
Harry F. Soule,  
William H. Soule,  
Maurillo S. Soule,  
Norman P. Soule,  
Willis H. Soule,  
Howard N. True,  
Joseph A. True,  
Herbert S. Talbot,  
Jerome F. Thomas,  
Charles H. Tuttle,  
John T. Ward,  
Edward J. Wright,  
Howard A. Waite.

Total, 102



## QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

Candidates for admission must be proficient in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Geography; Arithmetic, through fractions; Grammar, including parsing.

The annual examination for admission will be on the Wednesday preceeding the commencement of the fall term, at 2 p. m.

None will be admitted at any other time, unless they are qualified to go on with the classes they design to enter.

N. O. TRUE,  
School Supervisor.

FREEPORT, FEB. 24TH, 1874.